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### REMARKS

1. Claims 95-144 are pending in the application, and new Claim 145 has been added. Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing Claim 142 and for finding potentially allowable subject matter in Claim 131 if the claim is rewritten in independent format to include all the limitations of the base claim and all intervening claims. Claim 131 has been rewritten into independent format as Claim 145, including all the limitations of base Claim 121.

2. Applicants thank Examiner Crawford for the courtesy of a telephone interview on April 11, 2005. The participants included Examiner Crawford, the undersigned, and David Okey, of the law firm of Brinks Hofer Gilson and Lione, assisting the undersigned. Claim 95 was discussed, with Applicants' attorneys pointing out, with respect to the rejection of Claim 95 and the other independent claims, that the bar code cited in the Ahlin reference is not capable of exchanging information with a computer. Examiner Crawford pointed out that Ahlin also discloses RF chips and that some RF chips may be "programmable." Agreement was not reached on the claims. The Examiner and Mr. Okey had two additional brief interviews on April 14, 2005, and April 19, 2005, to discuss possible amendments. Agreement was reached on Claim 95, and independent Claims 100, 106, 112, and 121, in a draft amendment submitted on April 19, 2005.

3. Claims 95, 100, 106, 112, and 121 have been amended to better define the claims of the present invention. Support for the amendments are found at least in the specification at p. 4, line 21, to p. 5, line 2; p. 6, lines 8-11; and p. 14, lines 17-19.


4. Applicants submit that the amendments overcome the rejections because the prior art does not disclose a receptacle with an information storage device that is able to store information and is able to update information and to exchange information with a computer, and to port information as claimed. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner grant allowance of this application. The Examiner is invited to contact the

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undersigned attorney for the Applicants via telephone if such communication would expedite this application or would be helpful to the Examiner.

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